

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a mature form of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5;
  - (b) ~~a variant of a mature form of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, wherein the said variant is 96% identical to the mature form of SEQ ID NO: 5; or~~
  - (c) an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5;
  - (d) ~~a variant of an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5, wherein said variant differs from the amino acid sequence of said mature form, provided that said variant is 96% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5;~~
  - (e) ~~a nucleic acid fragment encoding at least a portion of a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 or a variant of said polypeptide, wherein the said variant is 96% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 or its mature form;~~
  - (f) ~~or~~ a nucleic acid molecule comprising the complement of the nucleic acid molecule encoding (a), (b), or (c), (d) or (e).
2. - 4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 ~~selected from the group consisting of~~
  - (a) ~~a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4;~~
  - (b) ~~a nucleotide sequence differing by one or more nucleotides from a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4 provided that no more than 20% of the nucleotides differ from said nucleotide sequence;~~
  - (c) ~~a nucleic acid fragment of (a); and~~

~~(d) — a nucleic acid fragment of (b).~~

6. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1.

9. (Original) The vector of claim 8, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said nucleic acid molecule.

10. - 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

13. (Original) A kit comprising in one or more containers, the pharmaceutical composition of claim 12.

14. (Cancelled)